

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0464

J.H. Cole House

16552 Trenton Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

1855 ca.

Private

The J.H. Cole House, constructed circa 1855, is representative of the type and style of stone dwellings constructed in the small milling village of Trenton in the mid- to late 19th century and dates to the only significant period of growth in the community. As late as 1850, the village of Zoucksville included only a gristmill, sawmill, and store, all of which were operated by John C. and George Zouck. Additionally, William Brooks had a residence to the north of the mill along Piney Run. Between 1850 and 1877, the name of the village had changed from Zoucksville to Trenton and Trenton Road, the main route through the community, had been extensively developed with residences, barns, and other buildings needed for the survival of a small milling town. The J.H. Cole House dates to this period of Trenton's history. Occupied in 1877 by Jabez H. Cole, the dwelling passed to David M. Thompson in 1885. The village did not grow significantly through the early 20th century. By 1915, the dwelling was occupied by the Martin family.

J.H. Cole House is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-wide dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with a side gable roof clad in standing-seam metal. A front gable clad in wood shingles centrally intersects the roof. One exterior coursed rubble stone chimney rises along the side elevation. Additionally, two rebuilt stretcher bond brick chimneys rise from the interior gable ends of the main block. A two-and-a-half-story, random rubble stone ell was added to the main block circa 1870. Circa 1900, a second addition, of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding on a parged random rubble stone foundation was built onto the rear elevation of the main block and the side elevation of the ell. The façade, or south elevation, of the main block features two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors with three-light transom windows. Six 1/1 windows also pierce the first and second stories. One 1/1 window is located in the front gable peak. All façade openings have aluminum surrounds. Four historic wood frame outbuildings, including a barn, tenant house, kitchen, and dairy, are also located on the property. A circa 1980 garage and circa 1990 pool have been added to the property since the mid-20th century.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J.H. Cole House

other

2. Location

street and number 16552 Trenton Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brenda Armacost Craft and Allen R. Craft, Jr.

street and number 16552 Trenton Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 5982 folio 955

city, town Towson tax map 26 tax parcel 1 tax ID number 0501074500

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1855, the J.H. Cole House is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-wide dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with a side gable roof clad in standing-seam metal. A front gable clad in wood shingles centrally intersects the roof. One exterior coursed rubble stone chimney rises along the side elevation. Additionally, two rebuilt stretcher bond brick chimneys rise from the interior gable ends of the main block. A two-and-a-half-story, random rubble stone ell was added to the main block circa 1870. Circa 1900, a second addition, of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding on a parged random rubble stone foundation was built onto the rear elevation of the main block and the side elevation of the ell. The façade, or south elevation, of the main block features two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors with three-light transom windows. Six 1/1 windows also pierce the first and second stories. One 1/1 window is located in the front gable peak. All façade openings have aluminum surrounds.

Four historic and two non-historic outbuildings are also located on the property. The circa 1855 barn features a random rubble stone foundation, wood frame structural system clad in flush vertical board siding, and a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide barn is banked into the hillside and dominated by an overhanging forebay.

The one-and-a-half-story circa 1855 kitchen features a wood frame structural system clad in vinyl siding, random rubble stone foundation, and side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. Two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors and one 6/6 window, all of which have aluminum surrounds and sills, pierce the building. One interior parged chimney rises from the gable end of the building.

The circa 1855 dairy, which has been extensively altered and converted into a privy. The one-story, wood frame building is clad in vinyl siding and sits on a random rubble stone foundation. The shed roof is clad in standing seam metal. The façade is pierced by one paneled single-leaf wood door.

Dating to circa 1900 is the two-story wood frame tenant house clad in vinyl siding. The building sits on a parged stone foundation and features a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. One cinderblock chimney rises along the exterior gable end wall.

A circa 1980 garage of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles is sited near the historic outbuildings. The one-story, two-bay-wide building sits on a pre-existing parged stone foundation and features two sash-and-paneled roll-up wood doors.

Circa 1990, an in-ground swimming pool with a concrete deck surround approximately twenty feet long by fifteen feet wide was built to the northeast of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1855 ca.-present	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1855 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 187.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁵ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

⁶ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1855, the J.H. Cole House has been associated with the three acres known as tax parcel 1 of map 26 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

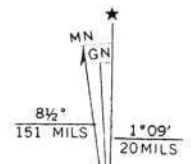
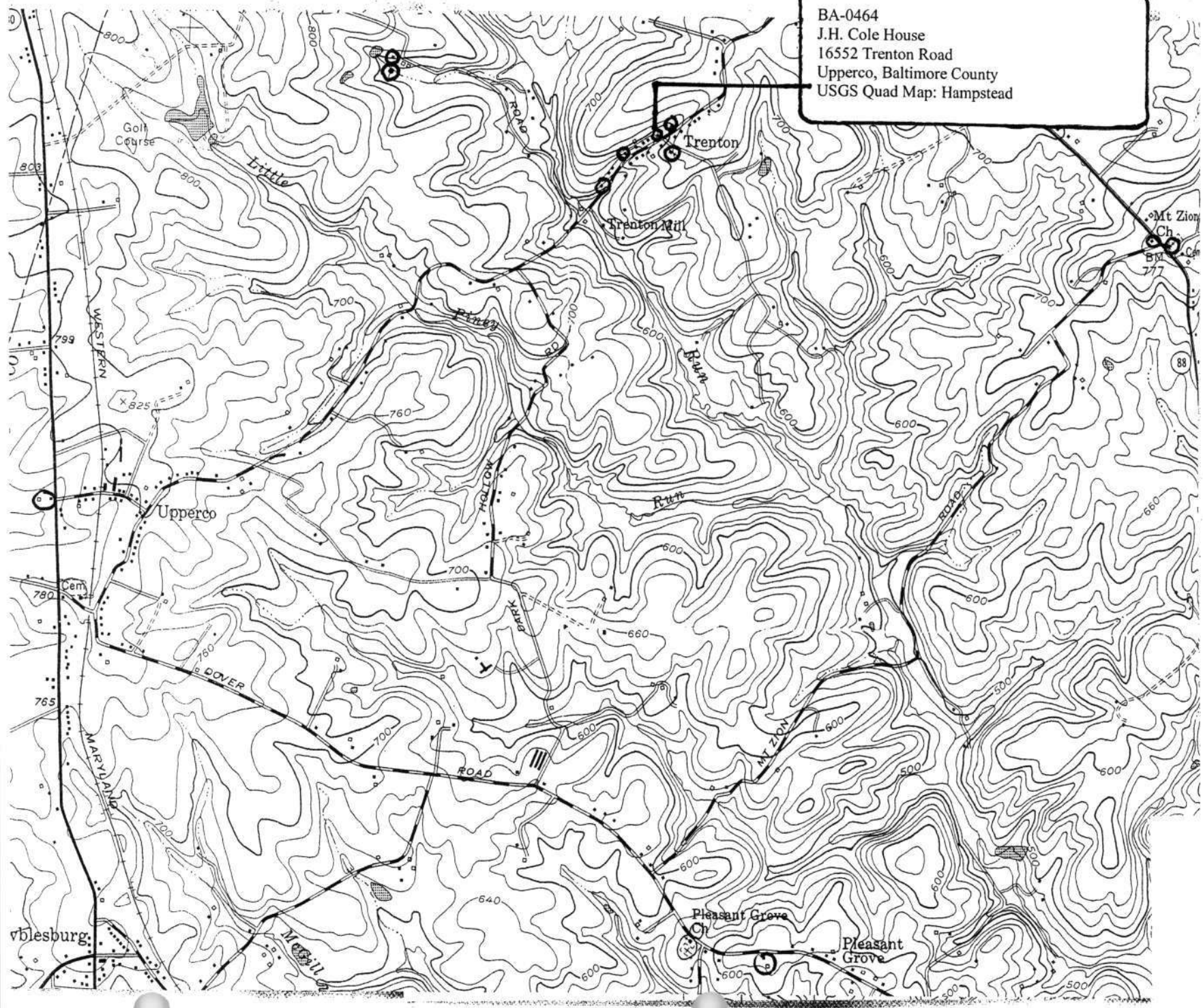
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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USGS Quad Map: Hampstead



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KITCHEN

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16552 TRENTON ROAD

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BARN

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J.H. COLE HOUSE - c. 1857 - 16552 Trenton Road, 0.3 mile east of Trenton Mill Road. Jabez H. Cole was shown as owner in 1877 atlas and he also had a smithy west of his residence. House passed to David M. Thompson in 1885 and has remained in that family. Stone, Victorian style double house, four bays wide, rectangular window in cross-gable, which is trimmed with shingles in imbricated pattern. Recently added back building in "Tudor Revival". Excellent condition. Owner: Donald H. Thompson.